

East Walker Habitat Improvement Project

Opportunity to Object to a Proposed Authorized Project

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has completed the East Walker Habitat Improvement Environmental Assessment. Notification was provided on October 28, 2014 to those who have previously requested to be included on the project mailing list or have submitted specific written comments related to the project. The project is located on National Forest System land in both Lyon and Mineral Counties, Nevada. This project proposes to remove singleleaf piñon pine and juniper trees encroaching into sagebrush ecosystems and riparian areas to maintain, improve, or restore the quality of Bi-State sage-grouse habitat. The Responsible Official who will issue a decision on this project is Jeff Ulrich, District Ranger. A copy of the EA, Draft Decision Notice, and additional information regarding this proposed project can be obtained from:

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Project information is also available on-line at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41401

This proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subpart B.

Eligibility to File Objections

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with § 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities.

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual, objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (§ 218.7). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Contents of an Objection

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at § 218.8(b). Minimum content requirements of an objection are identified in (§ 218.8(d) include

Objector's name and address with a telephone number if available; with signature or other verification of authorship supplied upon request; Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request;

- Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district of project, and
- Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection.
- Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment.

Filing an Objection

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer at: Objection Reviewing Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or fax to 801-625-5277; or by email to: objections-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc or .docx). It is the responsibility of Objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (§ 218.9).

All information submitted will become part of the public record and available for inspection upon request. The publication date in the Reno Gazette-Journal, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

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